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STAMPS.

THE Gentlemen convened by advertisement, to consider of a proper mode of application to Government, for establishing in this city an Office for the purpose of Stamping all Paper, Parchment, &c. did, after electing a Preses and Clerk, appoint an adjourned Meeting to be held in the Inner Session-House here, on Thurday next the 15th current, at one o'clock afternoon, of which they directed this public notice to be given, hoping all Societies and Individuals, either in town or living at a distance, concerned in and approving of this measure, will attend themselves, or by persons properly authorized. (Signed) J. STIRLING, P. AND, BI-SET, Clk.

Edinburgh, 8th Sept. 1785.

EDINBURGH, 10th SEPT. 1785.—
Speedily will be published (if a sufficient number of Subscribers are received) price 4s. bound and lettered, and 3s. in sheets.

Dedicated to Lieut. Gen. LANCELOT BAUGH, of the 58th Regiment. To be embellished with a striking likeness of General Elliott, a folding representation of the ten Spanish floating batteries, and a view of the garrison of Gibraltar;

The Third Edition, with Corrections,

Printed on Demy Octavo, fine paper, and good letter.

A compact and faithful Journal of the long and formidable BLOCKADE AND SIEGE OF GIBRALTAR,

Containing every memorable occurrence of so glorious a Siege, from the period of the first investment of the place in 1779, by the Spaniards, to the conclusion of the late peace; wherein the approaches of the enemies works, their naval and land forces, sea engagements, attacks, defeats, &c.; the construction of their floating batteries (bomb and shot proof); their manœuvres on the grand day of attack, are here delivered, as they were written on the spot, amidst the heat of battle. Including an estimate of killed, wounded, &c.; shot and shells fired by the enemy and the garrison; price and allowance of provision. Including genuine and entertaining anecdotes. An historical account of the garrison from the incursions of the Arabs in the year 713; the number of sieges it has undergone since 1310, when Alonzo Perez de Gusman took it from the Infidels; and the life and military services of General Sir George Augustus Elliott, with an animated speech made by him to the troops, previous to his being invested with the order of the Bath.

By SAMUEL ANCELL, Clerk to the 58th Regiment of Foot.

From the extensive and successful sale of the first and second editions (a few bound copies of the latter may now be had of the author at No. 28 in the Castle) he is induced to propose the publishing the third edition in this city; and being already favoured with the patronage of several respectable characters, he has not the least doubt of meeting with a generous subscription in Edinburgh and the adjacent. Ladies and Gentlemen inclined to promote the undertaking, and encourage the labours of a Soldier, will please to leave a line of address, with the bookellers in town or country, or as above, which will be thankfully received.

The usual allowance will be given to bookellers for receiving subscriptions, and all orders addressed to the author will be punctually attended to.

AT LEITH FOR LONDON, The LEITH PACKET,

JOHN THOMSON Master,

Is taking in goods at the birth in Leith har-
wind and weather serving.—This vessel has good
accommodation for passengers.

The Master to be spoke with at the Exchange
Coffeeshoufe, Edinburgh, at change hours, mornings and evenings on board, or at Mr William Watt's, facing the Pipes, Leith.

FOR OPORTO,

The New Brigantine JUNO, PETER GAVIN Master,

Will sail from Leith to Oporto about the 18th current, and returns with what wine may offer.

Apply to Ramsay, Williamson, and Company, Leith.

AT JAMAICA FOR LEITH,

THE ROSELINE,

(About 300 Tons)

Captain THOMAS HOGG,

Will be ready to take on board goods at King-
ston, Port Antonio, Port Morant, Morant Bay, and places adjacent, by Christmas next, to be
discharged at Leith for the London freight.

Apply to William Sibbald and Company, merchants, Leith, who have for sale a parcel of
good Jamaica and Grenada RUM, in puncheons or small quantities.

For CHARLESTOUN in South Carolina State,

Aud thence to KINGSTON in JAMAICA,

The ROBERT and MARY,

A New BRIG fitting out with all expedition
at Kincardine, and is now ready to receive goods
there, and intends to be at Leith by the 15th September 1785, to lie there for goods and passengers until the 1st of October, when the wind will fail, wind and weather serving. As the ship is
built on purpose for the trade, passengers may depend on being well accommodated.

For freight or passage apply to the owner Ro-
bert Hutchison at Kincardine, or the following gentlemen, viz. Mr James Izett, New Bridge, Edinburgh, Mr John Learmonth merchant in Leith, Mr John Dalgleish merchant at Borrowstounness, and Mr Alexander Duncanian Clark for the Carron Company at Grangemouth,

Letters or goods to go with this ship, addressed to any of the above, will be properly attended to.

To be SOLD by auction, at Gibb's tavern, on Thurday the 15th instant, at twelve o'clock noon, for account of the Underwriters,

THE SNOW JENNY,

Lately arrived from Memel, with all her Stores
and Materials.

This vessel is well calculated for the Memel
trade, or the Greenland Fishing, being of con-
siderable burthen, and strong built.

Inventories to be had of William Sibbald and
Company, merchants in Leith, who have for Sale,
the Cargo of LOGS imported by said vessel.

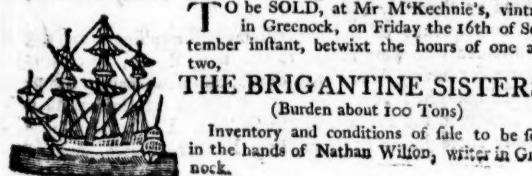
Also, American TAR, PITCH, and TURPENTINE.

To be SOLD, at Mr McKechnie's, vintner
in Greenock, on Friday the 16th of Sep-
tember instant, betwixt the hours of one and
two,

THE BRIGANTINE SISTERS,

(Burden about 100 Tons)

Inventory and conditions of sale to be seen
in the hands of Nathan Wilson, writer in Gre-
enock.



WANTED TO BORROW.

THE sum of THREE THOUSAND POUNDS Sterling, upon the
heritable security of an estate in Renfrewshire. Rental between
L. 300 and L. 400 per annum.

Apply to Laurence Hill, writer to the signet.

WANTED to BORROW immediately, SIX or SEVEN HUNDRED POUNDS STERLING, upon undoubt- ed heritable or personal security.

Enquire at the printing-house where this paper is published.

TO BE SOLD,

A Remarkable Handsome Young Strong HUNTER, fit for the Field or Road, warranted sound.

For further particulars enquire at Mr Wallace's vintner, Bristol Port, where the horse may be seen.

THE DRUGGIST AND APOTHECARY

BUSINESS, lately carried on by JAMES DONALD, deceased, will be continued, as formerly, at the Laboratory, opposite to the Guard, north side of the High Street, Edinburgh; where the orders of correspondents will be received, and punctually executed. Those who are pleased to continue their correspondence will direct their orders as usual.

All persons having any demands upon the late Mr DONALD, will please immediately to lodge notes of the same at the Laboratory; and such as are indebted to him will order payment as speedily as possible.

Queensferry, 2d Sept. 1785.

THIS day the School of Queensferry was examined in presence of the Magistrates, and several Gentlemen of the town.

The Scholars gave specimens of their learning in English, Latin, French, Geography, and the use of the Globes, which were much approved by all present.

The examiners beg leave to recommend Mr Young to the public as a Master very well qualified for the education and inspection of Boarders, for whom he has good accommodation.

THOMAS ROBERTSON, 3 Ministers,

JOHN HENDERSON,

N. B. Mr Young has at present two Boarders, and has convenience for four more young gentlemen, as he means only to take in six.

The School, after the usual vacation, is to be opened on the 3d of October next.

To be entered to immediately, and LET for such a number of years as shall be agreed on,

TWO PARKS or Inclosures on the Estate of

one EIGHT ACRES, the other of TWELVE ACRES, lying in the neighbourhood of Leith, and on both sides of the road to Queensferry.

For particulars apply to Alexander Ferguson writer, Covenant Close, Edinburgh.

A VILLA

To be LET for one, two, or more years, and entered to at Martinmas

next,

THE House and Lands of POWDERHALL, which lately belonged to Mr Daniel Seton, merchant in Edinburgh, lying in the parish of St Cuthbert's, and thre of Edinburgh, presently possessed by William Miller, Esq; and James Foreman.

These lands are pleasantly situated upon the banks of the Water of Leith, contain about sixteen Scots acres of a very rich soil, all completely inclosed, and divided into three different fields, surrounded with thriving and beautiful ripes of planting. The pleasure ground is laid out with taste; and the garden and wall surrounding the pleasure ground are stocked with fruit trees of many different kinds, which produce remarkably well.

The house stands upon the Bonnington road to Leith, within 25 minutes walk of the Cross of Edinburgh, and consists of a kitchen and eleven fire-rooms, besides five bed-rooms, and two large light closets in the garret storey. There are also two cellars, one of them with catacombs; and a complete set of offices, containing a stable for six horses, coach-house, cart-house, byre for four cows, milk-house, wash-house, and large laundry, with two servant rooms, and several other conveniences. At the offices is a pump-well, plentifully supplied; and, at the head of the entry from the Bonnington road, there is a good gardener's house of two apartments.

The house will be seen weekly on Wednesday only, betwixt one and three o'clock afternoon. For further particulars apply to James Marshall writer to the signet, in whose hands a plan of the premises will be seen.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeeshoufe, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 21st day of October 1785, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

The PAPER-MILL of Springfield, which belonged to the deceased ROBERT FLEMING, situated upon the water of Elk, about six miles south of Edinburgh, with the whole Machinery and manufacturing Utensils thereto, and about Eight Acres of Ground belonging thereto, with the House, &c. built thereon, and the Rag Warehouse belonging to the said Mill in the Kirkcudbright, Edinburgh.

AS A L S O,

The whole RAGS, PAPER, and other STOCK, manufactured and unmanufactured, both at the mill, and in the rag and paper warehouses in Edinburgh, that shall be on hand upon the said day of the sale.

The premises will be shown by David Grieve, overseer at the mill; and the title-deeds and conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of Francis Strachan, writer to the signet, who will inform of any further particulars wanted to be known.

JUDICIAL SALE.

To be exposed to public roup, by authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament House, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 30th November next, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills for the time,

THE ROOM and LANDS of AUCHINSHUMOCH, with the teinds, houses, and pertinents, lying in the parish of Dalry, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright. The rental of these Lands for a nineteen years lease, free of all deductions, is proven to be 54 l. 1 s. 5 d. 3-12ths, the value of which, at twenty-five years purchase, is 135 l. 1 s. 11 d. 3-12ths Sterling, being the upset price fixed by the Court.

The lands are a merk land of old extent, and hold of the Crown banch. They are now valued at 100l. Scots, according to which they pay cts. The teinds are also held banch. The lands have, for some time past, been possessed on short leases, and a considerable rise may be expected for a lease of nineteen years.

The articles of roup to be seen in the office of Mr George Kirkpatrick, one of the depute clerks of Session, and in the hands of James Grahame, writer in Dumfries, the factor, and Bain Whyt writer in Edinburgh, agent in the sale, who will inform as to particulars.

NEW MUSIC.

VAUXHALL SONGS, &c.

Just published, and now publishing,

(AT REDUCED PRICES)

By HARRISON and Co. Booksellers, and Publishers of Literature, Music, and Engravings, N^o. 18. Paternoster-row; and sold by all other Booksellers, Stationers, and News-carriers, in town and country; as well as by the Independent Music-sellers.

THE Delusions of Hope—Every one's Likin—and Bacchus Discarded, composed by Mr Arne, and sung at Vauxhall by Mr Arrowsmith.—The Seasons of Love—and Jamie Gay, composed likewise by Mr Arne, and sung at Vauxhall by Mrs Kennedy—and the British Sailor, written, composed and sung by Mr Arrowsmith, of Vauxhall; price only 8d. each.

The Favourite New Song, in a Beggar on Horseback, sung by Mr Edwin, price only 8d.—The Comic Opera of Two to One, 6s.—Peeping Tom of Coventry, 6s.—The Agreeable Surprise, 5s.—The Spanish Barber, 5s.—Songs in Hunt the Slipper, 2s.—And the Genius of NonSense, 3s. all composed by Dr Arnold, and now constantly performing with universal applause, at the Theatre Royal, in the Haymarket.

Likewise, six progressive Sonatas for the Harpsichord, by Mr Heron, Organist of St Magnus, London, B ridge 4s.—and Stanley's Concertos, 10s. 6d.—With a variety of other publications; particularly those celebrated periodical works, the New Musical Magazine for the Voice, Harpsichord, and Violin, price only 1s. 6d. each weekly number; and the New Musical Magazine for the German Flute, 1s. only, every month. Published under the inspection of Dr Arnold, Organist and Composer to His Majesty.

Miss Harrison and Co. have also purchased all the posthumous works of Dr Arne; the Catches, Canzonettes, and Glees, of Dr Hayes, Musical Professor in the University of Oxford—and several ingenious new productions of Mr Carter, and other eminent composers; all of which are preparing for publication. And Miss Harrison and Co. are determined to persevere, under the kind patronage of a generously protecting Public, in destroying the shameful monopoly, and reducing the enormous prices of every species of Music.

WANTED

Genteel furnished HOUSE. One in the New Town would be preferred to any other quarter; either a House from top to bottom, or a sunk floor with two flats above, for four or five months from December next.

Enquire at Miss Young and Trotter for other particulars.

MADSTONE GENEVA, equal in taste, flavour, and quality to any from Holland.

The Proprietors acquaint the Public, that by an act of Parliament passed last session they have an exclusive right granted them, to make GENEVA in the Dutch mode; and by their appointment is sold by William Thorburn, in the Kirkgate, Leith, at 5s. 4d. per gallon—Old at 5s. 6d. for ready money only.

Not to be repeated.

CREDITORS TO LODGE CLAIMS.

ALL Persons who have any claims or demands on Peter Roughhead Seafinan in Haddington, are desired to lodge a note thereof in the hands of Robert Roughhead innkeeper there, within eight days from the date of this advertisement, and to make payment, and prevent unnecessary expenses.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JAMES HAY.

CHARLES SHAND, JAMES WATSON, and ALFRED PEYTRIE, Merchants in Montrose, Trustees appointed for behoof of the Creditors of James Hay, sometime Chapman in the said burgh, hereby give notice, That upon the 22d day of November next, they are to make a division of the funds under their management. Such creditors as have not already lodged their claims against the said James Hay, with the Trustees, are hereby required to do so, with their oaths of verity thereon, betwixt and the said 22d day of November next; otherwise, such as fail to do so will afterwards have no claim against the Trustees for any share in the division.

Not to be repeated.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JAMES and HENRY HARDIES.

A Farmers at Currie, are, against the term of Martimmas next, to make a division

From the LONDON GAZETTE, Sept. 6.

Copenhagen, August 27.

MONSEUR Van der Goes, the Dutch Envoy Extraordinary to this Court, arrived here some days ago, and has had his audiences of introduction with the Royal Family.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD's, Sept. 6.

THE Earl Mansfield, Frader, arrived in the River, left Bengal 28th of February, and St Helena the 1st of July; no ships there, but one in sight; the Earl Cornwallis was to leave Bengal in 10 days; the Hinchinghooke was to sail the beginning of March; the Glatton was to go to Benooleen.

The Alfred and Royal Admiral, at Bombay, to sail for China in all May.

A Danish ship which sailed from St Helena two days before the Neptune, said the Pigot had put into the eastward of the Cape; a French ship at St Helena said the Cornwallis arrived at Mauritius the day she left that place.

The Hercules, Geeson, from Bengal and Tranquebar, has passed Dover.

The Britannia, Brue, from Bengal to China, was well at Batavia the 6th of March last.

Captain Blachford, of the Prince George, arrived in the River from Jamaica, spoke with the Epsdale, St Barbe, from London to Leghorn, off Scilly the 23rd ult. all well.

The Pearl, Midge, from Bristol to Africa, having sprung her fore-top mast, put into Lisbon the 31st of July, where she got a new one, and sailed on her voyage the 15th ult.

The Robert, Johnson, arrived at Portsmouth from Antigua, was found on shore in Stoke's Bay, in a violent storm, on Sunday night; the ship has not yet received any material damage, but cannot get off till great part of the cargo is taken out.

The Strafand, Bemberg, from Stockholm to Dublin, foundered on the Goodwin Sand; Captain and six men drowned; two saved by the Deal boats.

From the London Papers, Sept. 6.

Venice, Aug. 2. No fresh intelligence is received with regard to the irruption of the Turks into the territories of the Republic. Government is pursuing the wisest measures for interrupting the progress of the invaders, having dispatched troops and ships of war to act as occasion may require. Besides the 10,000 sequins formerly sent to the Commissary General of Dalmatia, for the relief of the inhabitants who were despoiled of their property by the infidels, another sum of 30,000 sequins is sent for the same purpose. Eight feluccas and several merchant ships are sailed with arms and ammunition for the different fortresses.

Ratisbon, Aug. 6. The sum received for repairing the damage sustained by the last overflowing of the Danube amounts to 14,587 florins. His Imperial Majesty contributed 4000, the Elector of Saxony 3600, and the Elector of Brunswick 3600; and the remaining part of the sum is furnished by the Archibishopric of Lubec, the cities of Windheim, Bremen, Wieslebourg, Rethelbourg, Schweinfurt, and the imperial cities of Hall, Memmingue, Lubec, Augsburg, Lindau, Aalen, and Hambourg.

Berlin, Aug. 9. The departure of the King for Silesia is fixed for the 16th instant.

They write from Liegnitz in Silesia, that a man named Stahr lately died there in the 118th year of his age. He served under Sobiesky, King of Poland, when that monarch led an army in 1684 to the relief of the city of Vienna, when that city was besieged by the Turks. He did not accept of his discharge till he was 70 years old.

New York, July 3. We learn, that Congress has appointed the Honourable John Rutledge, Esq; of South Carolina, Ambassador from the United States of America to the United Netherlands, in the room of his Excellency William Livingston, Esq; who has declined the said appointment.

New York, July 19. The commercial bill, lately passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts's Bay, if adopted by the other States, will serve to retaliate on Britain for their prohibitory acts, which deny the American vessels the advantage of the carrying trade: The West India islands must soon feel the effects of this act, and their new settlements in Nova Scotia must eventually be ruined: The large duties imposed on British bottoms will soon discourage British merchants from prosecuting voyages to America in their own vessels, and the American ship-building and carrying trade we may expect will soon revive and flourish.

New York, July 29. Captain Benjamin Newton, Master of the Sloop Betsey, arrived at Philadelphia from New Providence (last from Cat Island) informs, that he could not obtain permission to enter land, or sell his cargo at New Providence. That he presented a memorial to the Governor, wherein he stated that he is a British Subject, and a native of that Island; that having formerly had connections in trade on the continent, he had come hither to settle his accounts; and having balances due to him, in order to facilitate the collection of them, he had purchased a sloop, loaded her with the produce of that port, and proceeded to his native country, where he obtained his Excellency's permission to land and sell his cargo, and to qualify his vessel according to law. To which the Governor was pleased to give the following short answer, viz. "That he must return to the place from whence he came." Upon which he asked leave to rest his vessel for sea; but the Governor refused it, and referred him to the Custom-House, where, upon application, he was refused by the officers, and referred back to the Governor; and, finally, all the indulgence he could obtain was leave to remain two days for the purpose of refitting his vessel for proceeding from thence.

Extract of a letter from Charleston, South Carolina, May 30.

We are informed from North Carolina, that such settlers as live to the westward of the Allegany Mountains have revolted from the jurisdiction of that state, under the pretense that the extent of territory renders a fair and equal Government totally impracticable. It would seem as if the measure had been some time in agitation, from the methodical manner in which it has been carried into execution; not only a Governor is chosen, but also a form of Government established of a similar constitution to that of North Carolina. The new state is named Franklin, the Governor is named Sevier. Official information has been sent to Governor Martin, signed Landon Carter, Speaker of the Senate, and William Sage, Speaker of the House of Assembly. It is expected the Legislature of North Carolina will be immediately convened to determine what is best to be done in so critical an emergency.

LONDON, Sept. 6

Yesterday afternoon some dispatches were received at the Secretary of State's office from the Governor of Jamaica, which were brought over in the Landover, Captain Cerling, arrived

in Margate roads. They contain an account of upwards of fifty sail of ships having sailed from the different ports of that island, for England, all ally laden.

Yesterday, arrived a mail from New York, brought to Falmouth by the Greyhound packet, Dunn, in 29 days.

The Lord Mansfield East Indiaman, from Bengal, was left well in Long Reach yesterday morning, where part of her cargo is to be taken out. The following persons came to England passengers in her viz. Sir Thomas Gardner and family, from Bombay; Captain Young, Captain Pyne, Lieut. Flood, Ensign Nelson, John Marry, James Dickson, George Lind, Benjamin Thomas, Esqrs. Mr and Mrs Richardson and family, and Lady Macartney.

Yesterday morning, the Pumper of the Neptune East-India man came to the East India-house with the news of the above ship being safe arrived off the Isle of Wight. She sailed from Bombay the 28th of March, and St Helena the 12th of July; the Alfred and Royal Admiral were to sail from Bombay for China in May.

The Pigot homeward-bound East-Indiaman, from Coast and Bay, is put into the eastward of the Cape.

The Royal Charlotte, rice, from Benooleen, is arrived in the River; and the Neptune, Scott, from the East Indies, off the Isle of Wight.

Sir A. S. Hammond has succeeded Commodore Bowyer in the command of his Majesty's ships in the river Medway, and has hoisted his broad pennant in the Irresistible of 74 guns, at Sheerness.

The Tryal East-India packet is fallen down the river to Gravesend, from whence she is to proceed to Portsmouth, there to wait the arrival of Government dispatches, which are to be sent down in a few days.

Sir George Colbrooke's residence, according to accounts from the Continent, is still at Soissons. Lady Colbrooke is also there, and his son.

The settlement of Sir George's affairs is yet pending; and on the following circumstance: By his brother's death, an estate in Scotland of 3000l. a year devolved to Sir George. This being out of the jurisdiction of the bankrupt laws, Sir George, as long as he lives abroad, may appropriate to any purposes he will, without any controul to his creditors. This he threatens to do, unless his creditors will comply with certain conditions of pecuniary allowance to himself and his family, and entire liberation as to his person. The allowance he asks is not unreasonable, about 700l. a year; which, with the eight hundred he has already, will enable him to live in England.

We hear from good authority, that notwithstanding the triumph obtained by the people of Ireland over ministry in regard to the propositions, Mr Flood still intends to bring forward his motion declaratory of the legislative independence and omnipotent authority of the Irish parliament.

We hear also, and with considerable astonishment, that Mr Corry is to be Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the room of Mr Forster, on his advancement to the chair. This was the general report yesterday in political companies.

On Monday the 21st ult. the Ceres French frigate of 32 guns, commanded by the Vicomte de Bonneville, anchored in Dunkirk Roads: The day following, at eight o'clock in the morning, coming on shore in his boat, accompanied by M. de Guichen, son of the Count of that name, an Admiral in the French service, a sudden gulf overset them just at the entrance

together with the rest of the crew, except two, were drowned. At four o'clock in the afternoon the bodies were taken up; a centry was placed over them by order of the Admiralty, which prevented any assistance being given them, although the officers of the garrison, with some other English gentlemen, amongst whom was Mr Sheridan of the Temple, were strongly of opinion that Monsieur Guichen was still alive when taken up, from some blood gushing out from a wound he had received on one side of his nose, and that he made a movement with one of his arms. Mr Sheridan offered to take him off to administer proper methods to bring him back, but was prevented by the centinel. On the Thursday he was buried with all the honours of war.

Yesterday, Frances Davis, who, for some time past, has traversed the country in character of a youth just from school, and committed innumerable frauds, under every appearance of perfect innocence, was examined at the Public Office in Bow-street, for robbing a grazier at the sign of the Three Companys, on the High road, of upwards of 1200l. in cash and notes, and was committed for further examination. She went to the house in the above garb, where she supped and was to have slept, but found means to enter the grazier's apartment, after he went to rest, and robbed him of the above sum. She was traced to her lodgings in the Borough, where the officers belonging to the police took her into custody.

Extract of a letter from The Hague, Aug. 10.

The news of the day is, that M. Thulemeyer, Ambassador from his Prussian Majesty to this Republic, has had a private conference with the Grand Pensionary, and has officially signified to him the definitive settlement of the Germanic league of confederation. In this declaration, his Prussian Majesty represents the projects formed for the aggrandizement of the Emperor, and also the necessity of concluding a treaty of confederacy, which shall confirm and establish the independence of the Princes of the German Empire, and assures their High Mightinesses that he will rigidly adhere to every article advanced in his memorial, and invites the several Princes immediately to comply with the propositions therein contained.

Extract of a letter from Bourbon Lancy, in Burgundy, Aug. 28.

The Marechal Duke Fitz-James is here, and takes the waters; he is worn to a mere skeleton, and, according to the physicians, cannot live a month; and what is strange, both his foars are in an agonizing state, one (the Duke) has lost the use of his limbs by the palsy, and is pronounced incurable by the Faculty; the younger son (the Chevalier, Colonel of Berwick's regiment) is in a decline, and little or no hopes are conceived of his recovery; so, were it not for the younger Duke's children, there would be an end to the offspring of King James in France.

Extract of a letter from Nova Scotia, June 22.

The discontents in America indicate a strong propensity in the majority of those republicans to return to their duty. In fact, when they have time to reflect, that to Briton they first owed their existence as a people; that to her fostering care they are indebted for their prosperity; that her blood and treasure were lavishly expended in the defence of America; that no profusion of either was reckoned by the fond mother to be too great for these her darling children; that even when they

had commenced open hostilities, she put not forth half her strength, and mourned over the wounds she was obliged to inflict; if their hearts are made of penetrable stuff, they must feel remorse for what they have done, and an eager desire to be reconciled to that parent, who so tenderly watched over them in their infancy. Add to these considerations, that they have now tafted the bitter fruits of the evil of knowledge, and can discern good from evil, good & evil, and evil only gained. They feel by experience, that tyranny is next door neighbour to anarchy. Loaded with taxes, oppressed with poverty, and groaning under the yoke of a junto of arbitrary despots, who are themselves tools to the Most Christian King, they now look back with regret to those happy times, when, under the wings of Great Britain, they enjoyed peace, plenty, and real freedom; while the only returns required of them were fidelity, affection, and a contribution towards the common expences of the empire, so small, that it could be looked upon only as a peppercorn rent paid to the lord of the manor, in token that the lands were held of him."

PRICE or STOCKS, Sept. 6.

Bank Stock, shut.	Short Ann. 1778, 12 l. 16d a 16ths.
5 per cent. Ann. 94 1/2 a 95.	4 per cent. Ann. 1777 7 1/2 a 78.
4 per cent. Ann. 1777 7 1/2 a 78.	3 per cent. Old Ann. 1774 1/2 a 1.
3 per cent. con. 59 1/2 a 1.	Navy Bills, 1/2 dite.
Long Ann. 184 a 1.	Lottery Tickets, 13 l. 16 s. 6 d.

WIND AT DEAL, Sept. 5. S. W.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Sept. 6.

"A special Court of Directors of the East-India Company is summoned to meet this day, on the dispatches received from the East Indies by the Earl of Mansfield and the Neptune East Indiamen, the packets of which have brought home upwards of two thousand letters. At Bengal and Bombay, all was likely to continue in peace, except that, at the latter place, much discontent was occasioned by Mr Pitt's bill, which was much disliked by all ranks and descriptions of people. A great scarcity of cash also much perplexed the Governor and Council in fitting out the Company's ships on their homeward-bound passage, the chief part of the investments of which appears to be private property. Indeed, in such a manner has the Company's treasury been drained of late years, that this has, for some seasons past, been more or less the practice. The Company, however, are led to expect the most salutary effects from the able and vigilant administration of Lord Macartney, whose attention is to be principally directed to a reform of the Company's civil list expenditure, and the necessary correction of the vast revenue they possess, and which, properly collected and applied, would more than a few every possible contingency, as well as to freight home the Company's ships.

"Lady Macartney waited, immediately on her arrival, on her father, Lord Bute; and yesterday morning she was introduced to the Queen by Mrs Hastings, at Windsor.

"The bed which her Majesty has condescended to accept of from Mrs Hastings, and which, for its richness of furniture and exquisite workmanship, exceeds any thing of the kind ever seen in this or any other country, is estimated at the value of twenty thousand pounds.

"It is said to be agreed on for the Duke of Rutland to continue, at least for the present, in his Viceroyship of Ireland, and that his Grace has complied with the wishes of Administration in this respect.

"Those well versed in politics, and enabled financially to speak with some degree of certainty, report, that the Marquis of Carmarthen will be appointed British Ambassador at the Court of France, in the room of the Duke of Dorset; and that his Grace will, in all probability, succeed the Marquis as one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

"Yesterday, in the afternoon, a most dreadful hurricane of wind, attended with frequent heavy showers of rain, began in the metropolis and environs thereof, and has continued till this time with increasing fury. It is the general opinion that it will yet be much worse. It now blows in such strong and sudden gusts, as to render it extremely difficult for people to walk the streets. The damage it has already done to the shipping in the river Thames is truly dreadful, great numbers having been driven from their moorings, others forced ashore, and others dashed almost to pieces. On shore, and in all parts of the town, the most terrible effects from it have been experienced, many houses having been blown down, and a much greater number damaged, than remembered for many years past at any one time on a like occasion.

"On the 4th current, was married in London, by special license, the Right Honourable George Grenville Leveson Gower, (and now Sutherland) Lord Viscount Trentham, eldest son and heir of the Right Honourable Granville Leveson Gower, to the Right Honourable Elizabeth Countess of Sutherland.

"On Wednesday last, died, at his seat of Redhall, near Edinburgh, George Inglis, Esq; a gentleman distinguished during a long and active life, by the strictest honour and unblemished integrity, in whom society has been deprived of one of its most respectable ornaments, and his relations of one of the best of friends. It is hoped his relations and friends will accept this as a notification of his death.

Died, on the 6th instant, at her house in Nicolson's-sheets Mrs Violet Sommerville, relict of Captain James Johnston of Corhead.

Died, 28th August last, the Reverend Mr Alexander Nicholson, minister of Thury, deservedly regretted by all who knew him.

Died lately in Morven, Argyleshire, one Donald McDonald, alias McDonald, in the 109th year of his age. He escaped from Glencoe, at the time of the massacre there, in 1692.

Died, on the 24th of August, Mr Isaac Hudson, keeper of the Poor-house at Monkwearmouth; the same day, died, Mrs Hudson, his wife; and, a few hours after, Mrs Hudson's sister (who resided with them) also died.

Died, on the 31st of August, Mr Thomas Harrison, keeper of the Poor-house at Sunderland; Mrs Harrison died a few days ago, as did her brother, who resided with them—a case somewhat similar to that of the keeper of Monkwearmouth Poor-house, above related.

Macdonald, one of the labourers upon whom the wall fell at Kelso, on Tuesday evening, perished on Friday afternoon, and died on Saturday night.

In consequence of the advertisement for calling a meeting of gentlemen who were subject to the stamp duties, to concert measures for having bank notes, deeds, and newspapers stamped at Edinburgh, a numerous and respectable meeting was held on Thursday in the Parliament House here. The meeting unanimously chose James Stirling, Esq; Banker, Preses, and M

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Andrew Bisset writes, Clerk, and then appointed another meeting to be held in the same place next Thursday, [see first advertisement in this paper.] At this meeting there was a representative from almost every Bank in Scotland, many of the Writers to the Signet, and other gentlemen of the law; all the publishers of news-papers in Edinburgh, and letters from others in the country; paper-makers, &c. in all above sixty gentlemen, attended this meeting, and highly approved of the intended application, which it is not doubted will meet with success; if those concerned are not remiss in their attention and attendance on this business.

By the Samuel Lawrie, arrived in Clyde from New York, we have American newspapers to the 23d of July, from which we have taken the following articles, viz.

Boston, July 4. On the 24th ult. the General Assembly of the state of New Hampshire finished their session, during which they passed "An act for the regulation of Navigation and Commerce,"—and "An act to vest the United States in Congress assembled with full power to regulate trade, and enter into treaties of commerce."

Died, Dr Samuel Mather, aged 79. He left positive orders that his interment should be private, and without any ceremony.

Philadelphia, July 9. A letter from Norfolk in Virginia, dated June 25. 1725, give us a melancholy account of an accident that had just happened in that town:—That, in a remarkable thunder storm, the loudest ever known there, a house, in which was deposited a quantity of gunpowder, was struck with lightning, and immediately blew up; it entirely took away the whole building, except the sleepers of the lower floor. Many of the goods were found in the river, and some fragments of the house near a mile off; two men were killed, and one much wounded; a vessel in the river much damaged, as were several houses in Portsmouth.

New York, July 20. The ship Mentor has brought an organ, commissioned by the Episcopal congregation of the city of Newhaven, for the use of that Apostolical Church; it is a fine and a well-approved instrument, calculated for the worship of the Divinity in the real beauty of holiness.

We are informed, that the late Governor Trumbull, of Connecticut, has received from Dr Robertson, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, a diploma, constituting him a Doctor of Canon and Civil laws, from that University.

Saturday last, failed his Most Christian Majesty's packet, La Martinique, for l'Orient, in which went passenger Mrs Macaulay Graham, and her husband Dr Graham.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

An HISTORICAL ACCOUNT of the Tax raised by Stamps upon Paper and Parchment.

THE business of conveying and forming civil deeds among the Romans was long executed by officers named Tabellions and Notaries, acting under public authority.

These deeds were prefaced by titles slightly denoting their different nature, termed *Protocols*. Frequent forgeries being committed, the Emperor Julianian, in the year 537 (Novel. 44.) issued an edict, discharging all deeds to be written on such paper or parchment as should be furnished by the public, and should contain, in addition to the *Protocol*, the name of the Great Almoner *, or Intendant of the empire for the time, and the date at which such names had been made. The Emperor indemnified himself for this care of the public by a grand revenue.

When the code of laws, published by this Emperor, came to be universally studied, and received in the kingdoms of modern Europe, the rules of the ancient Tabellions were restored; and as civil business, particularly the formation and writing of deeds, had fallen into the hands of the clergy, the Popes, fond of imitating every part of the ancient Imperial prerogative, arrogated to themselves the sole power of creating notaries for Europe. A college of notaries was instituted at Rome, for educating young men in the profession, and general instructions issued forth for their conduct. The fees of entry and of commissions granted to these notaries made a very considerable branch of the papal revenue, and was greatly increased by reviving and executing the plan of Justinian. All notaries were obliged to write their deeds in books delivered to them, from time to time; every sheet of which was marked and stamped, by proper officers at Rome, under the old title of *Protocols*.

The advantage derived from this establishment was, even at an early period, perceived, and consented by the several Princes of Europe as an invasion upon their prerogative. This Pope was at last obliged to yield so far as related to civil deeds.—The struggle upon this head introduced the distinction in most kingdoms of Europe of *Papal* and *Royal* notaries, and particularly in Scotland; and it became common for notaries to procure a double execution, both by the Pope and by the King.

After the Reformation, the Lord Clerk Register had the chief emoluments in the admission of notaries; and books termed *Protocols*, continue, even at this time, to be delivered to each notary upon his admittance. Each leaf of these is inscribed at the top with the name of the clerk to the admittance of these offices, for which a very considerable fee is exacted. The notaries are also taken bound, in the ancient manner, to record every deed they write in these protocols, and to take out a new one so soon as the former are filled up: but this injunction is seldom or never complied with, the public registers having rendered these private ones of little use.

In France, the progress of this business was much the same as in Scotland; only at this moment the protocols of notaries continue to be the authentic register of private deeds.

In the year 1655, the able financiers of Lewis XIV. conceived the idea of completely reviving the ancient method of Justinian. Under the same pretence of preventing forgeries and frauds, set forms of all the deeds practised in the kingdom were printed, with titles annexed, in imitation of the Roman protocols. These were stamped with the *fleur de lys*, and nothing left to the notaries but to fill up the blanks, in the same manner as bonds and policies of insurance are now filed up in England. This did not suit the variety of cases in business, and therefore remonstrances were soon made against this part of the edict from all quarters of the kingdom. In April 1674, the set forms were dismissed, and the tax ordered to be raised by stamp upon plain paper and parchment. This paper thus stamped is termed *papier timbré*. Offices were appointed in the different cities for supplying the provinces with the stamps, and a capital revenue by that means raised.

The success of this mode of taxation being represented to

* Comes facrum latitum.

the Court of England, King William, though a mortal enemy to Lewis XIV. immediately intimated this part of his policy.—An act passed in the 1693, anno 50, W. et M.) for granting to their Majesties duties upon yellow, parchment, and paper. The grant was limited to the short term of four years, the produce to be applied towards carrying on the war against France. These new duties were by the act put under the management of Commissioners, to be named by their Majesties, and regulations laid down for their conduct.

The money brought in by the stamps was established exceeded expectation; the term was prolonged, and the tax extended to other articles by succeeding Statutes. At the Union of the kingdoms, the Scottish Commissioners objected, in particular, to the then subsisting duties upon stamped paper, yellow, and parchment; and accordingly, by the 10th article of the treaty of Union, it was provided, "That, during the continuance of these respective duties, Scotland should not be charged with the same."

In this article, as in many others, the Scotch were completely over-reached. Had North Britain been subjected to these duties by the treaty, their value would not only have increased the equivalent (mean as it was), which England agreed to pay; but the management of that branch of revenue must of course have been put under Commissioners in Scotland, and a proper office erected for making the Government stamps upon materials of home manufacture.

An act of the British Parliament (anno Anne) soon followed, for laying duties upon a variety of articles; and, amongst the rest, the sum of 2s. 3d. upon parchment used for the several deeds therein described in Scotland. These duties, with additional rates by the act imposed upon England, were declared to be under the Commissioners formerly appointed. A great omission appears, upon the part of the Scottish members, in drawing up this statute. It was an established point between the two kingdoms, that the duties arising in each should be put under separate Commissioners. This very act afforded an example—new duties are thereby imposed upon paper, both of the home and foreign fabrics; and it is provided, "That such of the duties therein, as should arise in England, should be under the management of the Commissioners and Officers of England for the time being; and such of them as should arise in Scotland, should be under the management of the Commissioners and Officers of the Customs in Scotland for the time being." Had this clause been inserted in the end of the act, it would have included the stamp duties; but being put in immediately after the grant of the plain paper duty, the management of the stamps was taken from Scotland. Two years afterwards, a duty of sixpence was imposed by stamps upon the paper of our deeds, and the former regulations continued.

It is unnecessary to state the progress of the acts which have followed: The extension of stamps to a vast variety of articles is to this country attended with many bad consequences, against the intention of the legislature and of government. The manufacture of paper, parchment, &c. in Scotland is discouraged, and a monopoly of these valuable articles is secured to the London stationers. The people of North Britain are imposed upon, both in the quality and price of these materials. They are subjected to a great and unnecessary expense for carriage; and the inconveniences suffered by individuals, in the execution of private deeds, has become intolerable. These evils are evidently imputable to the very circumstance of North Britain having been deprived of the species of tax by the Union, and to the error committed in the act of the 10th of Queen Anne, whereby it was first imposed upon Scotland.

The ORIGINAL TICKETS and Stamped Shares in the IRELAND STATE LOTTERY, which begins drawing the 26th September, are now selling in Variety of Towns, by WHITE AND MITCHELL, licensed, opposite to the Tean Church, Edinburgh, on account of Messrs. Richardson and Goodluck, London, where all business respecting the Lottery is transacted agreeable to act of Parliament, and no where else in Scotland on their account. At this Office, in last Lottery, one prize of Five Thousand Pounds, and three of Five Hundred Pounds, were sold in shares.

Jeanie, McGill, is arrived at Virginia from Clyde. Friendship, McGill, at Philadelphia from Clyde and Belfast. Adventure, McNeil, at Barbadoes from Clyde. Hope, Barbour, at Grenada from ditto. Martha, Boyle, at Jamaica from ditto.

Friendship, White, at Shelburne, (Nova Scotia) from ditto.

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND,

Aug. 24. Countess of Sutherland, Smith, from St Peterburgh, for Leith, with flax and iron.

John of Dundee, Wrongham, from ditto, for Dundee, ditto. Peggy of ditto, Almer, from Dundee, for St Peterburgh, ballast.

Gentleman of and from Leith, Burns, for Nerva, in ditto. Nelly of and from Monkton, Greig, for Dantick, in ditto. Captain of and from Aberdeen, McKenzie, for Menel, in ditto.

26. Jane of Bridlington, Belgrave, from Leith, for St Peterburgh, in ditto.

Arrived, and remain wind bound.

26. Ann of Newcastle, Young, from St Peterburgh, for Inverness, with iron, &c.

Prince William Henry of Whitehaven, Robb, from ditto, for Dundee, with sundries.

Lady Mar of Weesays, Davison, from Menel, for Weemys, with timber.

Sailed the 24th instant in the evening, wind south, all the vessels as mentioned in my last remaining in the Sound.

ELGIN, August 27. Wind N. N. W. Had Gale.

WALTER WOOD.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK, September 5. Mary Bedward, Noble, from Jamaica, with sugar, &c.; Jane, Ballintyne, from Colrain, in ballast.—6. Jean and Peggy, Kane, from Ballintyne, in ditto.

Jenny, Latta, from St. Ulens, with salt; Aurora, Campbell, from Jamaica, with sugar, &c.—7. John, McFarlane, from Eddae, with slate; Jenny, Johnston, from Kinloch, with gods.

SAILED, September 7. Hope, McVicar, for Sligo, with gods.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, Sept. 9.

Per Bushel. Second. Third.

Wheat, 21s. 0d. 20s. 0d. 19s. 2d.

Barley, 18 0 17 0

Oats, 13 6 12 6

Pease, 13 6 12 6

New Wheat 18s. New Oats from 12s. 6d. to 10s.

PRICES OF CORN AT CORN EXCHANGE, Sept. 5.

Per Quarter.

Hog ditto, 48s. to 30s.

Beans, 30s. to 34s.

Tares, 29s. to 33s.

Tares, 26s. to 34s.

Per Sack.

Fine Flour, 13s. to 34s.

Second Sack, 30s. to 32s.

Third Sack, 24s. to 38s.

INDIA TEA WAREHOUSE,

KIRKETE, LEITH,

At which the Public will be supplied with Genuine Tea, nett as imported. WILLIAM THORBURN begs leave to acquaint Dealers and Families, That he has received from the India Company's August sale, A Quantity of GREEN and BOHEA TEAS, which will be sold from the original chests, as under:

Cold Fresh Congee, per lb. 4 s.	Good Shoukong, 5s. 3d.
Fine, 4s. 6d.	Fine, 5s. 6d.
Fine, 5s.	Good Hyson, 6s. 4d.

WILLIAM THORBURN shall only say, in favour of these Teas, that they are chiefly of the finest Swedish Teas which were purchased by the Company's agent at Gothenburg, and were selected for him by two of the first brokers in London.

N. B. Dealers and Families sending their orders, with cash, to this Ware-house, may depend upon having their Teas of a good quality:—And families in Edinburgh, who cannot conveniently send for their Teas to the Ware-house, will have them sent to their lodgings in Edinburgh.—All Teas sold at this Ware-house will be put up in printed bags, with the price upon each.

HOUSES and YARDS

In the town or village of Ayton, and county of Berwick:

THERE will be exposed to sale by public voluntary roup or auction, for the benefit of the creditors and representatives of the deceased Robert Lill or Lille, late furer in Ayton, in either of the towns of Eyemouth or Ayton, as shall be particularly mentioned in future advertisements previous to the day of sale, upon Wednesday the 28th day of September current, betwixt the hours of three and five afternoon.

All and Whole the HOUSES and YARDS, with the privileges and pertinents thereto, lying in the town of Ayton, which belonged to the said Robert Lille, at the time of his death, and that in one or more lots as shall be judged expedient by the exposor previous to the sale.

The subjects will be shown by Mark Ranken, residing in Ayton, or the their tenants thereof; and the articles of sale may be seen in the hands of John Young writer, Kincard's Court, Edinburgh, trustee of the representatives of Robert Lille, or of Mr Alexander Christie junior writer in Dunse, either of whom will communicate such other particulars as may be requisite to be known prior to the sale.

TO be SOLD by Judicial Roup, within the Session-house of Edinburgh, on the 22th day of December next, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon,

The whole Lands and Estates belonging to ARCHIBALD ROBERTSON, Esq; of Bedlay, in the following lots:

I. BEDLAY and MOLLINS, consisting of 734 Scots acres, with the Superiority of ADAMSWEEL, and the Superiority of the 12s. 10d.

land of AUCHINLOCH.

The proven free rent of the property lands of this lot is 334l. 3s. 6d. 4-12ths, which is valued at 24 years purchase, being L. 8020 4s.

The Superiority of Adamweel, which yields an yearly

feud-duty of 5l. 7s. besides a duplicate each 20th

year, is valued at 25 years purchase, being

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The Superiority of Auchinloch is valued at

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The natural woods on Bedlay and Mollins are proved to be worth

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Upset price of lot 10,

L. 8466 3 1

There is a large convenient mansion house on Bedlay, with suitable

offices.—The valued rent of this lot is 430l. Scots.

II. ROBERT-HALL, part of GARTFERRY, consisting of 183

acres.—The free rent is 71l. 13s. 1d. 1-12ths, which is valued at 24

years purchase, being L. 1719 14 2

The natural woods are proved to be worth

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Upset price of lot 2d,

L. 1773 13 5

There is a neat modern-built house and offices on Gartferry.

The valued rent of this lot is 120l. Scots.

III. JOHNSTON, consisting of 445 acres. The free rent is 95l. 3d.

1-12ths, which is valued at 24 years purchase, being L. 2280 7 10

The natural woods are proved to be worth

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Upset price of lot 3d,

L. 2346 9 10

RIMSIDE MOOR HOUSE.

Northumberland, Sept. 8. 1785.

JOHN BELL, late Waiter at the Queen's Head, Morpeth, begs leave to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public in general, That he has taken and entered upon Rimside Moor House, late in the possession of Mr Amos Turnbull, which he has fitted up in a genteel manner; and humbly hopes, from his care and attention to the road, to merit the countenance and support of his Friends and the Public in general, which shall ever be most gratefully acknowledged, by their most obedient humble servant,

JOHN BELL.
N. B. Neat Post Chaises, able Horses, and careful Drivers, on the shortest notice.

This House divides the stages equally between Wooler-Haugh-Head and Morpeth.

A FARM TO SELL.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Thurday the 13th day of September cur.

The Farm of CROW-CRAIG, lying in the parish of Wallton, and shire of Lanark.

This farm consists of about 77 acres, and is situated within three miles of Carnwath, and the like distance from Biggar, which are both market towns. There is within the lands an inexhaustable lime quarry, with coal below the lime stone, which can be wrought at very little expence; and there is likewise abundance of free-stone in different parts of the grounds.

This farm, from the conveniences that have been mentioned, joined to the lands being of a most excellent soil, is capable of the highest improvement, and by its being situated in a populous and pleasant country, would afford a most agreeable retreat, to a person retiring from business.

The farm is at present under tack, of which there is ten years yet to run; but in case the person purchasing is desirous of entering immediately into the natural possession, a release of the tack can be obtained upon very reasonable terms.

For more particulars, persons intending to purchase will please apply to John Peat, and John Sommerville, writers in Edinburgh, who will show the title-deeds, and are empowered to sell by private bargain, before and the day of roup.

By desire of a Person intending to Purchase.

THE Estate of ORCHARDTON, in the stewartry of Kirkcudbright, which was advertised for sale upon the 20th July 1785, is adjourned to Wednesday the 23d of November next; when there will temporily be exposed to public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, the roup to begin at five o'clock afternoon,

All and Whole the Lands and Estate of ORCHARDTON, lying in the parishes of Buitie, Rerrick, and united parishes of Gelston and Kelton, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

This estate consists of 3267 acres of Scots measure, whereof there are 1690 acres of rich arable ground, and 1577 acres of excellent pasture. Almost the whole estate is inclosed; and the arable farms are subdivided with good fences. The farm houses, which are timbered with the best foreign wood, and covered with slates, and office houses, are in the very best order; most of them having been built within these few years. The tenants are in general men of wealth, and are carrying on great improvements by means of lime, marl, sea-shells, fleach, &c. with which the lands are plentifully supplied. The free rent of this estate is 1024 l. Sterling, after deduction of all public burdens, an addition of rent having been obtained upon such farms as have been let since the lands were first advertised for sale. Some of the tacks contain obligations upon the proprietor to furnish certain quantities of lime to the tenants, and to be at the expence of building dykes, &c. which are nearly all fulfilled; and the effect of which will be to secure a very considerable rise of rent upon the expiry of the present lease.

The natural wood on this estate is extensive, and the whole of an age fit for cutting. From a late appreciation it appears, that the value of the wood is upwards of 500 l. Sterling.

Upon the lands of New Orchardton there has been lately built a large, elegant, and commodious Mansion-house, with a complete set of office-houses and houses for labouring servants, executed in the most substantial manner; in erecting and completing which buildings there has been expended upwards of 3000 l. Sterling. There is also a good garden and orchard, well stocked with fruit trees.

The House of Orchardton is delightfully situated near the bay of Hibton on the Solway Firth, and on the opposite shore. Within the bounds of the estate are several good harbours fit to receive vessels of considerable burden; particularly one within 300 yards of the house of Orchardton. From the bay near the house the family residing there are at all seasons plentifully supplied with a variety of fish, which are taken by the servants without difficulty, by placing nets at low water. Among the many advantages which this estate enjoys, it may be remarked, that it lies in a country where the spring and summer are earlier than in any other place in Scotland, and the cold and other disagreeable effects of the east winds are scarcely felt.

The whole estate holds of the Crown for payment of small feu and banchy dues, and stands rated in the cens-books at 1047 l. Scots; which, with two Forty-Shilling lands of old extent, entitles the proprietor to four freehold qualifications.

For the encouragement of offerers the upset price is proposed to be 22000 l. Sterling.

For further particulars enquire at the proprietor at Orchardton house, William Keith accomptant in Edinburgh, or at James Baillie at the Stamp-office, Edinburgh; who will show the tacks, rental, progres of wrights, and a plan and measurement of the estate.

Any person inclining to treat by private bargain before the day of sale may apply as above.

SALE OF LANDS in the County of Orkney.

THREE will be SOLD, by public roup, within the house of William Young writer in Stromness, upon Tuesdal the 20th day of September 1785, betwixt the hours of ten in the forenoon and twelve mid day,

All and Whole the Lands and Estate of STENNESSE, and the teinds, patronage, and vicarage thereof, lying in the parishes of Stenness Evie, St Olla, or Kirkwall, and Rowfay. The free rent whereof, after deduction of feu-duties, ministers stipends, and schoolmaster's salaries, amounts to 328 l. Sterling.

These lands are of a good soil, and consist mostly of tillage farms; and the tenants are all substantial. Upon the lands in parishes of Evie and St Olla, from 15 to 20 tons of kelp are made yearly, on which no value is put in the rental. They are particularly well situated for carrying on an extensive fishery; and a cod-fishery was formerly carried on along the adjacent coast to good advantage. The coast abounds with sea ware for manure; and upon that part of the estate called Aikerness in the parish of Evie, there is a commodious mansion-house, with offices of all kinds. The lands of Stenness lie within two miles of the thriving sea-port town of Stromness; and part of the other lands lie within a mile of the town of Kirkwall. Upon different parts of the lands, there is plenty of good marl, and there is an extensive hill pasture belonging to the estate. The lands hold of the Crown, and the valued rent is sufficient to afford two freehold qualifications in the county. A new manse and offices have lately been built in the parish of Evie; so that no expence on that account will fall on the heirs many years to come.

The above lands will be sold jointly or in such lots as may suit purchasers; but if sold in lots, they will hold of the disposer for payment of small feu-duties; and the casualties of superiority will be fixed at very moderate rates.

To be SOLD, at same time, the Lands of NESS, in the parish of Stromness; the yearly rent whereof, after all deductions, is 8 l. 1 s 6 d. Sterling.

Upon these lands 4 tons of kelp are made yearly, and they are likewise well adapted for carrying on a fishery, as they lie upon the entrance to the harbour of Stromness.

Far particulars, enquiry may be made at Mr Mitchelson, Nicholson Street, who has powers to sell the lands by private bargain, either jointly or in such lots as can be agreed on.

And copies of the rental may be seen in the hands of the said William Young, or of Hugh Yorlton factor on the estates.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, in Wednesday the 14th current, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock afternoon,

THREE ACRES, or thereby, of arable Land, with Housies, Barns, an small Yards, lying within the town of East Fenlon.

This spot of ground, houses, and yards, lie about five miles north from Haddington, are pleasantly situated, and command a most agreeable and extensive prospect of the adjacent country. They hold feu of Mr Nibet of Dirleton, and will be sold with the burden of a different right.

For particulars applyto Hamilton Bell writer to the signet, in whose hands will be seen the articles of roup.

LANDS IN MID-LOTHIAN TO BE SOLD.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 28th September cur. betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

The Lands of LEITH-HEAD, comprehending the Inn and 40 acres of land set therewith, commonly known by the name of Little Vantage, lying in the parish of Kirknewton and county of Edinburgh.

The lands in whole consist of about 260 acres, and there was lately built upon them a mansion-house fit to accommodate a pretty large family. They are situated eleven measured miles from Edinburgh, on the great road leading from thence to Lanark and the shire of Ayr.

If the lands are not sold, he whole, except the inn and 40 acres of land, will be let for a year, and to be entered at Martinmas first.

For further particulars apply to James Sommers writer in Edinburgh.

LANDS IN FIFE TO BE SOLD.

THE Lands and Estate of KILLEARNIE, lying in the parish of Saline and shire of Fife, will be sold by private bargain.

This estate consists of 62 Scots acres, and the rents have not been raised for upwards of 60 years; the whole tacks upon the estate are expired, and the tenants bound to remove at Martinmas next; and the present proprietor, though offered more than double rent, has declined to let any of the farms, in order that a purchaser may enter to the possession of the whole at the above term, if he chuses. The lands are entirely in the state of nature, and as the soil is good, they are capable of the highest improvement. They are conveniently situated in respect both of coal and lime, as there is a good field of coal within the estate which may be wrought to advantage, and there is abundance of lime in the neighbouring grounds. The estate holds of the Crown, and stands valued in the cens-books of the county at 722 l. Scots.

For further particulars application may be made to Major Ayton the proprietor, at Inchdarny, or to Samuel Mitchelson junior, writer to the signet, Edinburgh.—If not sold before the 1st of October, the farms will be let.

UPSET PRICES REDUCED.

To be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Thurday the 24th day of November next, betwixt the hours of four and eight afternoon,

The following Lots of the Lands and Estate of GRAIGDARROCH remaining unrolled.

LOT I. The Lands of CONRICK, BLANOCHE, BENBUY, and CORNBEG, lying in the parish of Glencairn, and shire of Dumfries.

The yearly rent of these lands, after all deductions, is proved to be 761 l. 14 s. 2 d. 6-12ths.—The proven value thereof, as being held of a subject superior, 23 years purchase, or L. 1764 6 9 6-12ths

The teinds are valued, and the free teind is 9 l. 8 s. 11 d. 7-12ths.

Which at five years purchase, is 49 14 9 11-12ths

Former upset price, L. 1814 1 7 5-12ths

But the same are now to be exposed at the reduced sum of L. 1730 0 0

LOT II. The Lands of CORRYDOW or CORROCHDOWS, in the said parish and shire.

The free rent of these lands after all deductions, is proved to be 34 l. 2 d. 10-12ths.—And the proven value thereof, as being held of a subject superior, was 23 years purchase, or L. 784 7 7 2-12ths

The teinds are valued, and after deducting the minister's stipend, there remains of free

Which at five years purchase, is L. 10 2 2 8-12ths

Former upset price, L. 794 9 9 10-12ths

But now to be exposed at the reduced sum of L. 750 0 0

LOT III. The Lands of MONYGRYLE, lying in the parish of Glencairn, and shire of Dumfries: And the Lands of POINTFOOT, lying in the parish of Dalry, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The free yearly rent of these lands after all deductions, is proven to be 90 l. 2 s. 1 d. 9-12ths; and the value thereof, as being held of a subject superior, was 23 years purchase, or L. 2072 9 4 3-12ths

There is an heritable right to the teinds of Pointfoot. The teinds of Monygyle are valued; and after deduction of the minister's stipend, the free teind of these lands, is 2 l. 4 s. 2 d. 4-12ths.

Which at five years purchase, is 11 0 11 4-12ths

Former upset price, L. 2083 10 3 7-12ths

But now to be exposed at the reduced sum of 1980 0 0

LOT IV. The Lands of CORRYDOW and GLASSINGARNOCH, lying in the parish of Balmaclellan, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The free rent is proved to be 36 l. 10 s. 8 d. 9-12ths; and the value thereof, as being held blench of the Crown, was 24 years purchase, or L. 876 17 6

The teinds are valued, and the balance of free

valued teind-duty is 5 l. 10 s. 3 d. 6-12ths.

Which at five years purchase is 27 11 5 6-12ths

Former upset price, L. 904 8 11 6-12ths

But now to be exposed at the reduced sum of L. 860 0 0

LOT V. The Lands of BARNSHALLOCH and DRUMANISTER, lying in the said parish and stewartry.

The free yearly rent of these lands, after setting aside a fifth of the rent of Drumanister for teind, and deducing all public burdens, is proved to be 51 l. 18 s. 10 d. 7-12ths.

And the proven value thereof, as being held partly of the Crown, and partly of a subject superior, was 23 1/2 years purchase, or L. 1220 15 8 8-12ths.

The lands of Barnshalloch are valued, and the balance of the teind-duty, after deducting minister's stipend, is 2 l. 19 s. 1 d. which at five years purchase, is 9 15 5

And the fifth part of the gross rent of Drumanister, being 4 l. 1 s. 4 d. which is set off for teind, is also valued at five years purchase, which thus extends to 20 6 8

Former upset price, L. 1250 15 9 8-12ths

But now to be exposed at the reduced sum of L. 1180 0 0

And LOT VI. S PERIORITIES in AYRSHIRE.

The Superiorities of the lands and barony of Torbolton, and the lands of Dreghorn with the pertinents, extending to a hundred pound land of old extent, comprehending the lands of Galston and others, which were held in blench by the Earl of Marchmont. The twelve pound land of Enterkine and others, held blench of Mr Cuninghame of Enterkine, and the forty shilling land of Coysfield and others, held also blench by Mr Montgomery of Coysfield, and a variety of other lands.

The proven value of these superiorities, and former upset price, were 150 l.

But now to be exposed at the reduced sum of 1300 l.

The articles of roup, and progres of wrights, and rental of the lands, may be seen in the office of Alexander Stevenson depute-clerk of session; and any persons desirous of further information may apply to James Walker writer to the signet, or to Commissary Goldie at Dumfries, the factor on the estate.

SALE OF GARTHSHIRIE ADJOURNED.

At the Desire of a person intending to offer.

TO be SOLD by public roup, on Wednesday the 14th September 1785, in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, at five o'clock afternoon,

The Lands and Estate of GARTHSHIRIE, lying in the parish of Old Monkland, and shire of Lanark, consisting of 990 Scots acres. The free rental of the estate is 321 l. Sterling; and there are about 600 acres properly inclosed, and subdivided, and about 100 acres of planting and natural wood, besides a large quantity of moss. There is a good mansion-house, with offices and garden on the estate. The grounds round the house are well dressed, and there are a number of fine old trees scattered over the ground adjacent to the house. There is coal in the estate, which may be brought to great advantage, as there is a cut therefrom to the Monkland Canal, for transporting them to Glasgow.

The lands hold of the Crown, and stand valued in the cens-books of the county at 523 l. 6 s. 8 d. Scots. The turnpike-road from Glasgow to Edinburgh, by Airdrie, passes within a mile of the house, which is 37 Eng. miles distant from Edinburgh, and nine from Glasgow.

The rental and title-deeds will be seen in the hands of George Martin or Thomas Smith writers, Argyle's Square, Edinburgh; and they, or Mr George Bogle, merchant in Glasgow, will inform as to other particulars.

If agreeable to the purchaser, a considerable part of the price will be allowed to remain in his hands.

The house and lands will be shown by James Thom at Garthshirie.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of John Fraser, vis. in Inverary, upon Thurday the 29th September current, betwixt the hours of one and two in the afternoon,

All and Whole the Three-Merk Land of LECKUARIE, lying within the parish of Glafrie, and shire of Argyle.

These lands are finely situated on the banks of the river Kirman, about ten miles to the southward of Inverary: and as they are only fit for the current year, the purchaser